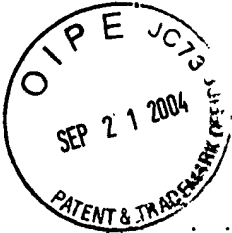


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Dear Sir,

These amendments to the Claims of Application 10/626,074 are being submitted in response to the Patent Office's comments contained in Office Action Summary by Gregory Morse, Supervisory Patent Examiner, Technology Center 2100 dated July 9, 2004.

Claims 1, 2, and 3 are canceled and in their place claims 4 through 11 are being substituted. It should be noted that Claim 11 is an amendment to canceled Claim 3. Also of note are the Remarks placed at the end of the Claims section

The courtesy of an interview granted to the inventors and their lawyer by Mr. Gregory Morse, Supervisory Patent Examiner, Technology Center 2100, and Mr. Matthew Heneghan, Art Unit 2134, was informative and very helpful, and greatly appreciated.

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